

DEPARTMENT OF THE SENATE
Canberra ACT 2600

RE: FLYERS CREEK WIND FARM.

We are very concerned about the Wind Turbines that Infigen Energy is hoping to erect in the Flyers Creek, Errowanbang area and the lack of consultation with landholders until very recently.

All wind turbines are a problem and my husband and I have been getting as much information about them as we can and despite what Infigen have told us **there are** problems associated with them and long term effects. Some of the more disturbing are the constant noise emitted and the vibrations. It takes time for the medical professions to analyse the symptoms that are presented to them from people living near these farms but many are now agreeing that these symptoms are caused by exposure to wind turbines. It is called Wind Turbine Syndrome and is widely documented in countries that have these wind farms. We can all say that is utter nonsense but so many people can't be suffering from the same symptoms and all live within wind farm areas.

As a baby I had "Pinks Disease or Acrodynia as it is also medically known. In laymen terms this is a disease caused through mercury poisoning. In my case through the baby teething formulas that were available up until the late 1950's. It took many years and a lot of work by doctors to prove that mercury was the culprit. Eventually the drug companies had to accept these findings and the mercury was removed. Millions of people world wide suffered with this disease and many died. I was one of the lucky ones, I survived. I was ill for 4-5 years and during this time had many admissions to hospital. There were many symptoms displayed with this disease and one was the children suffered from fits, either Petit Mal or Grand Mal. I was one of these. In latter years I still carry the effects of this disease and one of the many problems I have is with my eyes. I cannot tolerate bright lights, have problem with glare and have to leave the room if there are flickering lights. I therefore worry about the flickering effects from these turbines. I will only have to go to the paddock behind our house to see 8 of these turbines within a 1 ½ klm radius of our place. David also has health problems, one is problems with his hearing and he also suffers from Benign Postural Vertigo. These attacks occur without any notice and leave him feeling dizzy, sick and light headed, sometimes for 2-3 days.

Why should the majority of the residents be subjected to a loss of their lifestyle because of the greed of a few. We have worked hard for the 35 years we have lived at "Willow Dale" and we have two grown up sons, one married and two grandchildren who we hope in the future will reap the benefits of our work and sacrifices. It is a known fact that land values decrease after installation of wind farms as no-one wants to live near them and the people that do live near them wish they didn't. There are just too many negatives associated with this project and we have to worry about our future way of life.

We are supposed to live in a democracy but in regard to this project we have lost our right of objection. If wind farms are so good and important to the future why doesn't the government put them on some of our coastal headlands or in National Parks? **YOU CAN'T PUT A PRICE ON PEOPLE'S HEALTH!!** No amount of money can be more important than people's long term health.

We know there are benefits with green energy but not in populated rural areas. What is wrong with solar power?

We ask you to consider the views of these people opposing these wind farms. Think of their concerns and take into account they are not opposing them just to be difficult they are opposing them because they have genuine concerns about their long term health and lifestyle. Thank you.

David & Maureen Coleman.

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